

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal." This program, an anti-Kerry documentary to be aired days before the election, is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing its stations to air an obviously one-sided program TWO WEEKS before one of the most heavily contested presidential campaigns in US history is not only negligent, it is frightening and chilling to me as an American citizen. But when large corporations control the airwaves, we get this kind of activity.

The credibility of the FCC is at stake, along with the Presidential election. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please intervene to stop this action on the part of Sinclair and protect our publicly-owned airwaves and our democracy.